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In re U.S. Patent Application of

NAKAO *et al.*

Application Number: 10/020,721

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For: DETECTION METHOD AND DETECTION KIT
FOR PCR-AMPLIFIED BASE SEQUENCES

Attorney Docket No. HIRA.0054

Art Unit 1637

Examiner
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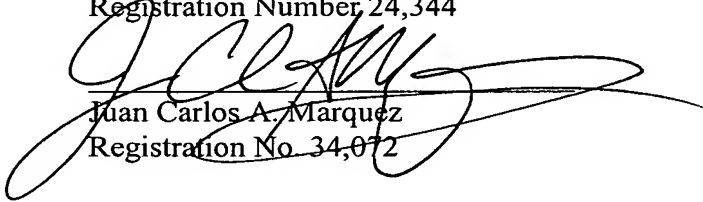
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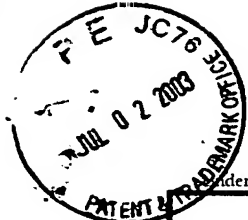
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- a. ☐ Previously submitted
- i. ☐ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 CFR 1.114 previously filed on _____
- ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____
- iii. ☐ Other _____
- b. ☒ Enclosed
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- iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
- iv. ☐ Other:

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- a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR 1.103(c) for a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 CFR 1.17(i) required)
- b. ☐ Other

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- i. ☒ RCE fee required under 37 CFR 1.17(e)
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RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111

Sir:

This is in response to the office action dated April 8, 2003, and the telephone interview with Examiner on June 12, 2003, in the above identified application, to which the period for response will expire on July 8, 2003. Please amend the above identified application with the replacement paragraphs/sections/claims as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS: ✓

Please cancel claims 1 and 3 without prejudice or disclaimer, and substitute claim 2 with the following amended claims:

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2. A method of detecting PCR-amplified base sequences, comprising the steps of:
- conducting PCR amplification by mixing a plurality of primer pairs with a sample, said primer pairs being suitable for amplifying different base sequences of a same length or different lengths by PCR;
 - conducting a hybridization reaction by using a substrate on which one primer of each of said primer pairs used for the PCR are fixedly spotted on spots thereon and a solution containing said base sequences that are PCR-amplified in the preceding step,

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